Killing of Dalits in Uttar Pradesh

519. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have obtained any report about the incident in which 6 dalits of villages Ikwara and Pali in Hastinapur region (Uttar Pradesh) were killed on January 6, 1997; including similar mass caste killings in the area before and after these killings;

(b) if so, whether all the culprits have been apprehended and brought to book and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) Government's reaction therein and the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the incident of mass killings of 5/6.1.97, three persons have been arrested by local police, one person surrendered in the court and action under sections 82/83 of Cr. PC is being taken against two accused persons. A Special Task Force has been constituted and every effort is being made to arrest the absconding accused. Similarily, in the incident of killings of persons in Bhikund village, Hastinapur Police Station, six persons have been arrested and action under sections 82/83 Cr. PC is being taken against one accused.

(c) In order to prevent recurrence of such incidents, 146 villages in the region have been identified as being sensitive where police presence and infrastructure have been strengthened. Numerous meetings have been held with various communities by the District Administration. The situation is being closely monitored by the State Government.

Explosives and detonators seized in Delhi

520. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether enormous amount of explosives and detonators were seized in Delhi on January 13, 1997; and

(b) if so, the details of the seizure; and the persons apprehended in connection therewith and the disruptive plans if any, unearthed as a result of investigations made therein?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) and (b) The Delhi Police seized 10 Kgs. of RDX, 4 Timer pencils, 10 detonators, 4 switch fuses and one primer explosive cord from a private premises in South Delhi on the 13th January, 1997 and arrested four persons. One of the accused persons is reported to have revealed in the course of investigation that the explosive was provided by a henchman of "Daud Ibrahim" for the purpose of causing explosions in Delhi on the occasion of Republic Day, 1997.

Seizure of explosives by Mehsana Police

521. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the recent haul of RDX, explosives and other incendiaries worth over Rs. 3 crore by Mehsana Police, Government saw a possible repeat of the grisly serial blasts that rocked Mumbai in March, 1993 having been averted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the persons apprehended in connection therewith, and the modus operandi of the gang behind these operations; and

(d) whether part of this consignment of RDX and explosive had found its way to different other parts of the country, resulting in ghastly explosions in railway